

ERTAC STATE REPORT

JUNE 12, 2014



EMS AWARDS

- EMS Week was May 18-24th
- EMSTS held the 1st Annual EMS State Awards on May 21st. We wanted to honor and thank Montana's Emergency Care Responders for their dedication and service.
- Over 70% of our EMS services are staffed by volunteers!
- DPHHS Director Richard Oppen and Jim DeTienne presented the awards to:
 - EMS System Award: Flathead County EMS
 - EMS Service Award: Colstrip Ambulance Service
 - EMS Provider Award: Kevin Lauer, AEMT



Montana Trauma Facility Designation Criteria

- Aiming for a filing date of 6/30/14 which would mean the earliest the first hearing date would be is 7/30/14. Watch for public notice for comment period.
- Current plan is to have new criteria effective for designations starting January 1, 2015.

DESIGNATION CALENDAR

April: 3 completed visits

May: 3 completed visits

June: 2 scheduled visits-
(1 is consultative)

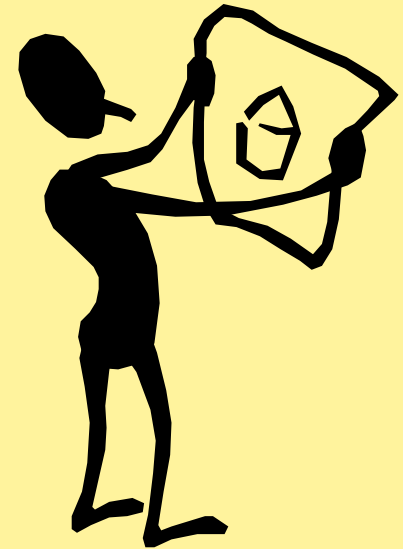
July: 3 scheduled visits

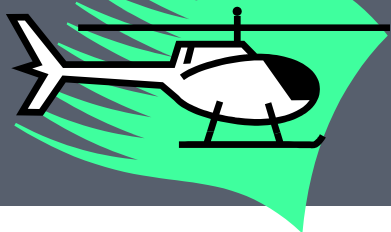
August-November: 11 requested visits

Kim Todd has retired from Montana designation.
Currently training and orienting new reviewers.

Trauma Strategic Plan

- Last trauma system plan was formulated in 2003.
- No STCC strategic plan has ever been created.
- STCC and EMSTS will work on developing strategies and focus areas specific to trauma system.



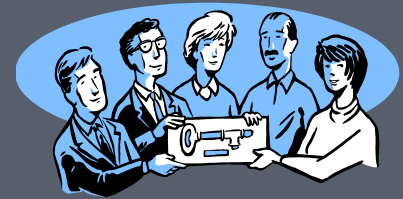


AIR MEDICAL UPDATE

- Call was on May 13th. Calls are set for second Tuesday every 3 months (day before STCC meetings)
- Air to Ground “Tan” channel discussion regarding safety and use
- Flight dispatch should be assisting small facilities if they are unavailable to take the call
- Discussion on Montana joining the NWAAR (North West Association Aeromedical Responders) NWAAR is an air medical trade association comprised of Oregon, Washington, and Idaho Members.



GERIATRIC & TEAM



- Refresher/Train-the-Trainer course was held following STCC May 15th
- Update to course material
- Proposed addition to updated criteria is desired participation in a TEAM course every 3 years or when significant change in staff warrants additional training for Community and Trauma Receiving Facilities.

2014 ATLS COURSE DATES

Feb 28-March 1: Great Falls---Completed

April 4 & 5: Billings---Completed

May 9 & 10: Missoula---Course is Full

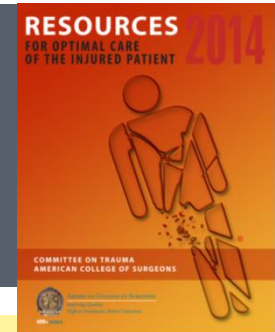
November 7 & 8: Billings---Course is Full

- **Setting dates for next year**

Remember: Mid-levels need ATLS if caring for trauma patients

- **Proposed addition to updated criteria is CALS (Comprehensive Advanced Life Support) provider certification (WITH completion of CALS Trauma Module) may substitute for ATLS re-certification for Community and Trauma Receiving Facilities.**

ACS PRE-PUBLICATION “ORANGE BOOK”



- ACS has released the pre-publication of 2014 edition of Resources for Optimal Care of the Injured Patient (Orange Book).
- Some new proposed changes in this edition could greatly affect Level II and Level III ACS verified facilities in Montana.
- New requirements for Level II include 24 hr. in-house anesthesia, 24 hr. in-house OR and having board certified providers in Critical Care ICU. Plus there is an increase in CME.
- These proposed standards may not be affordable for rural Level II facilities.

UPCOMING DATES

- **STCC: August 13 (Helena)**
- **MTS: September 10th (Missoula)**
- **Rocky Mountain Rural Trauma Symposium: September 11 & 12 (Missoula)**
- **ERTAC: September 18th**